

IN THE CLAIMS:

What is claimed is: ~~Patent claims.~~

1. (Currently amended) A container (1) comprising a cup-type compartment (2) having an opening (3) and comprising a cover (4) to be placed on said opening (3),

said cover (4) having an inner component (5) and an outer component (6) detachably connected to said inner component (5), between said inner component (5) and said outer component (6) connected to the inner component (5) a cavity (7) being formed for receiving one object (8) or more objects (8), said cavity (7) comprising two main surfaces (9, 10) being parallel to one another,

~~characterized by that~~ wherein

the two main surfaces (9, 10) of the cavity (7) are at an angle of $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ to an opening plane (11) formed by the opening (3).

2. (Currently amended) A container (1) according to claim 1, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein α is between 3° and 70° ~~$3^\circ < \alpha < 70^\circ$, preferably $10^\circ < \alpha < 50^\circ$, most preferably $10^\circ < \alpha < 30^\circ$ applies, however the above limits may be combined with each other in an arbitrary manner.~~

3. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The container (1) according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~characterized by that~~ the container (1) is a beverage container.

4. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A container (1) according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein ~~characterized by that~~ the opening (3) has a circular cross-section.

5. (Currently amended) TheA container (1) according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 4, ~~wherein characterized by that~~ the cavity (7) is cylindrical, and ~~that the~~ main surfaces (9, 10) of the cavity (7) are cylinder front surfaces.

6. (Currently amended) TheA container (1) according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, ~~wherein characterized by that~~, when the cover (4) is placed on top, anthe axis A of the opening (3) and anthe axis B of the cavity (7) are radially offset relative to one another by $X = 1$ to 20 mm, ~~in particular 3 to 10 mm~~, and are at an angle α relative to one another.

7. (Currently amended) TheA container (1) according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 5, ~~wherein characterized by that~~ the inner component (5) and the outer component (6) each comprise an aligned drinking straw opening (12, 13) for introducing a drinking straw (14) into the compartment (2) provided with the cover (4), the drinking straw openings (12, 13) being arranged outside the cavity (7).

8. (Currently amended) TheA container (1) according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 7, wherein a disk-type object (8), ~~comprising in particular~~ a round or shaped ~~CD compact disc~~, preferably a mini-CD, is placed into the cavity (7).

9. (Currently amended) TheA container (1) according to claim 8, wherein the outside diameter of the disk-type object (8) is identical to or 0.01 to 5 mm smaller than the inner diameter of the cavity (7).

10. (Currently amended) TheA cover for a container (1) according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 9, wherein the cover (4) has an inner component (5) and an outer component (6) detachably connected to said inner component (5),

between said inner component ~~(5)~~ and said outer component ~~(6)~~ connected to the inner component, ~~(5)~~ a cavity ~~(7)~~ is formed for receiving one or more objects, said cavity ~~(7)~~ comprising two main surfaces ~~(9, 10)~~ being parallel to one another, and wherein the two main surfaces ~~(9, 10)~~ of the cavity ~~(7)~~ are at an angle of $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ to a closing plane ~~(11)~~.

11. (New) The container according to claim 1, wherein α is between 10° and 50° .

12. (New) The container according to claim 1, wherein α is between 10° and 30° .

13. (New) The container according to claim 6, wherein the axis A of the opening and the axis B of the cavity are radially offset relative to one another by $X = 3$ to 10 mm.

14. (New) The container according to claim 6, wherein the cavity is cylindrical and the main surfaces of the cavity are cylinder front surfaces.

15. (New) The container according to claim 8, wherein the disk-type object comprises a mini-compact disc.

16. (New) The container according to claim 2, wherein a disk-type object comprising a round or shaped compact disc is placed into the cavity.

17. (New) The container according to claim 16, wherein the outside diameter of the disk-type object is identical to or 0.01 to 5 mm smaller than the inner diameter of the cavity.

18. (New) The container according to claim 3, wherein the opening has a circular cross-section.

19. (New) The container according to claim 4, wherein the cavity is cylindrical and the main surfaces of the cavity are cylinder front surfaces.

20. (New) The container of claim 8, wherein the cavity is cylindrical and the main surfaces of the cavity are cylinder front surfaces.